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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 5 on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

In accordance with Fig. 4, a collimator device KTX KTX, a first reflecting surface R1, a second reflecting surface R2, a third reflecting surface R3, a fourth reflecting surface R4, a fifth reflecting surface R5 and a quarter-wave plate QWP1 are arranged in the transmitting channel Tx, viewed in the beam direction. The first reflecting surface R1 is a component of a point-ahead assembly PAA. The second reflecting surface R2 is a component of a polarizing beam splitter PBS, which is embodied in such a way that it is reflecting for beams with the polarization of the transmitting beam, and permeable as free of losses as possible for beams with the polarization of the receiving beam. The fourth reflecting surface R4 is formed by a dichroitic beam splitter DBS, for example. The fifth reflecting surface R5 is formed by a fine pointing assembly FPA (Figs. 4 and 1). The quarter-wave plate QWP1 converts the light of the transmitting channel, which has been linearly polarized up to now, into circularly polarized light for transmission through space to the partner terminal.

